

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner John P. Trimmings	Art Unit 2133	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment dated 2/7/2005 and RCE dated 4/28/2005.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 renumbered as 1-18.

3. The drawings filed on 6/18/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),

Paper No./Mail Date _____.

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the applicant's amendment dated 2/7/2005 and RCE dated 4/28/2005.

The applicant amended claims 1, 10, 12 and 22.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 are pending.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/7/2005 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. In view of the applicant's changes to the claims, the examiner has withdrawn all objections to said claims.

3. Applicant's arguments, see amendment filed 2/7/2005, with respect to rejections under 35 USC 112 1st paragraph have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under 35 USC 112 1st paragraph of Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As per independent Claims 1, 17 and 22, the reference art of Aramilli et al. and Au et al. teach a circuit and method for BIST testing a memory or logic circuit comprising a controller unit and interface, entering into states for preparation and execution of test vectors setting scan cells, storing a completion in a MISR, and repeating based on a counter. However, the prior arts of record taken alone, or in combination failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention or the method steps of the application. Specifically, the prior arts failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the limitation introduced into these claims, namely: the scanning of scan chains is repeated, stepping through a new scan chain based on the counter. Consequently, Claims 1, 17 and 22 are allowed over the prior arts of record. Claims 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 18, 20, 21, and 25-28 are directly or indirectly dependent upon Claims 1, 17 and 22, and therefore are also allowable over the prior arts of record. Therefore claims, 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 17, 18, 20-22 and 25-28 are allowed..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Trimmings whose telephone number is (571) 272-3830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

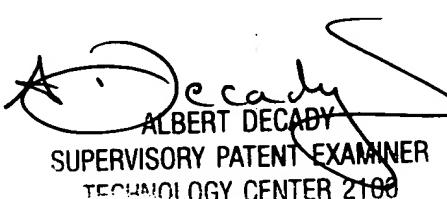
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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